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**VITAL STATISTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VSAC)
VITAL RECORDS PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VRPAC)
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 10, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor
Tuolumne Room 74.653

AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions and Announcements
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- D. State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations—Attachment 1
- E. Consent Calendar – Attachment 2
- F. Discussion Items – New Business—Attachment 3
- G. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section—Attachment 4
- H. Public Comment
- I. Additional Discussion Topics
- J. Adjournment

**ATTACHMENT 1—
STATE REGISTRAR TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following project was reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and required VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Investigation of the Relation of Fine Particulate Air Pollution and Temperature to Mortality in California
Principal Investigator: Rachel Broadwin, California Environmental Protection Agency
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2012-2013 Death Statistical Master Files (select variables),
2014 California Comprehensive Death Files (select variables)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

ATTACHMENT 2 - CONSENT CALENDAR: OSHPD DATA REQUESTS

The following OSHPD projects are those being placed in the block in the Consent Agenda.

- Project Title: Long-term Clinical and Economic Outcomes After Cardiac Surgery
Principal Investigator: Natalia Egorova, PhD, Bart Ferket, PhD, Co Principal Investigator, Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 1990-2014 Linked PDD/Death Data

ATTACHMENT 3 - DISCUSSION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Health and Economic Toll of Tobacco on California's LGB Community
Principal Investigator: Wendy Max, Ph.D./Hai-Yen Sung, Ph.D., Co- Principal Investigator, UC San Francisco
Project Type: Continuing Project with No Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2005 Death Statistical Master File (select variables), 2010-2012 Death Statistical Master File (select variables), 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (select variables)
2. Project Title: The Effect of Crime and Highway Entrance Closures on Fertility and Health
Principal Investigator: Gregory DeAngelo, Ph.D., Daniel Grossman, Ph.D., Co-Principal Investigator, West Virginia University
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 1997-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (select variables)
3. Project Title: Mortality and Support on Online Social Media
Principal Investigator: James, Fowler, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (select variables)
4. Project Title: Predicting Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes
Principal Investigator: Laura Jelliffe, Ph.D., University of San Francisco
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 2005-2014 Non-Public PDD/ED/AS Linked Birth Files, 2005-2004 Non-Public PDD linked Death Files, Birth and Fetal Death Data from Biobank

5. Project Title: Social Patterns in Naming Practices in the United States, 1990-2006

Principal Investigator: Phech Colatat, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis

Project Type: New Project

Data Requested: 1990-2006 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Mother's Address)

This project was reviewed during the September 9, 2015 meeting. The Committee recommended to the State Registrar not to approve the application as submitted, and that the State Registrar ask the requestor to resubmit an application that is less individually identifiable and does not have confidential health information included. He joined the November 4, 2015 meeting via phone. The Committee provided Dr. Colatat direction and welcomed him to submit a revised application, which would come before VSAC again for review and discussion and will include any changes to the protocol.

**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 4—
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND
RESEARCH SECTION**

Death Data Requests

1. UNLV – 2008-2012 Death
2. Hill Physicians Medical Group – 2012-2015 Death Public Use
3. UCSF – 2012-2015 Death Public Use

CDPH Data Requests

1. Center for Infectious Diseases – 1989-2013 Multiple Cause of Death Files